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*Dana Fuller
City of Wood Village*

SANDY POLICE

Officers wait tables, raise cash for event

Last Saturday police officers from the Sandy Police Department hosted a Tip A Cop event at Stephanie's Café on Pioneer Blvd. This event was to raise money for American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

Sandy Police officers waited tables, cleared dishes, served coffee and brought out food. The event was a great success thanks to the community that showed up and tipped officers a total of \$702.30 that will go toward the fight against cancer.

It was nice to see that even through these tough economic times people are willing to come together for a good cause and donate their time and money to a worthy charity.

One of the memories from this event that sticks in my mind is when I waited on two "big trucker guys" that showed up to have breakfast. I watched them walk in, look up and stop in their tracks for a moment. They cautiously found a table, and I came up to give them a menu. They asked me "what are all these cops doing here?" I explained to them why we were there and handed them a brochure for the Relay for Life event that is coming up in Sandy.

The main reason I remember these two so clearly among a day of serving more than 100 is that when they were both done eating they thanked me emphatically for being there. They explained that both of them had family members that were cancer survivors.

I would also like to thank the owner of Stephanie's Café, Stephanie Stevens, and her staff that let us host this event. In effect, they donated as much as anyone that left money because they gave up their tips for the day. I'm also very thankful for the men and women that I am proud to work alongside for showing up and donating their time for this event.

*Officer Manolo Herrera
Sandy Police Department*

HUMAN SOLUTIONS

Golf tournament nets \$6,000 for homeless

Dennis' 7 Dees Landscaping and Garden Centers had a vision of raising money to help struggling families in mid- and East Multnomah County. The family business run by Dave and Dean Snodgrass (two of the seven Dees), dedicated its 20th annual Charity Golf Tourna-

ment to Human Solutions, the largest provider of housing and related services for homeless and low-income families east of 82nd Avenue in Portland and through Gresham to the Hood River County line.

By working closely with Human Solutions' board member Terry Ciecko, an avid golfer, Dave and Dean Snodgrass were able to raise \$6,000 for their charity of choice. On July 23, 100 golfers enjoyed a breezy day at Oregon City Golf Club, but not before they bought raffle tickets for seven fabulous prizes. And five hours later when they were done playing golf, they enjoyed a barbecue and made more donations to Human Solutions in support of families struggling to make ends meet and keep a roof over their heads.

"This tournament is a wonderful example of how a community minded business can make a real difference in the lives of people who are very likely their neighbors, friends, and even possibly their employees and customers. Many people are feeling the pinch of unemployment or underemployment right now, and Human Solutions provides a real safety net to ensure that families and communities remain stable," said Gresham resident, Terry Ciecko. "There are so many ways that businesses can contribute to this effort — ways that can also have a positive impact on their bottom line. I appreciate Dave and Dean for urging us to do more. Together we really accomplished a lot."

"By joining forces, engaging sponsors, and pooling gifts from all the golfers, Dennis' 7 Dees was able to positively impact the lives of homeless families in East Multnomah County," said Jean DeMaster, executive director of Human Solutions. "We are so grateful for the partnership that Dennis' 7 Dees has initiated with us, and we look forward to working together in the future."

At the end of the day everyone was saying they wanted to do this again. Golfers were thanking the Snodgrass brothers for organizing the tournament and for inviting them to participate.

"My team had a blast playing together. We made new friends, introduced folks to Human Solutions and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. And to know we made a difference for homeless families — it's a good feeling," said Liz Williams, an architect working with Human Solutions on several projects.

One new Human Solutions project is the Rockwood Multi Service Center, a \$17 million project that will break ground next month. It will house 47 families on two upper stories and provide space for six non-profit social service partners on the ground floor.

The Rockwood project is just one way that Human Solutions provides effective responses to poverty and homelessness. Find out more at www.human-solutions.org

*Kristan Knapp, development
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